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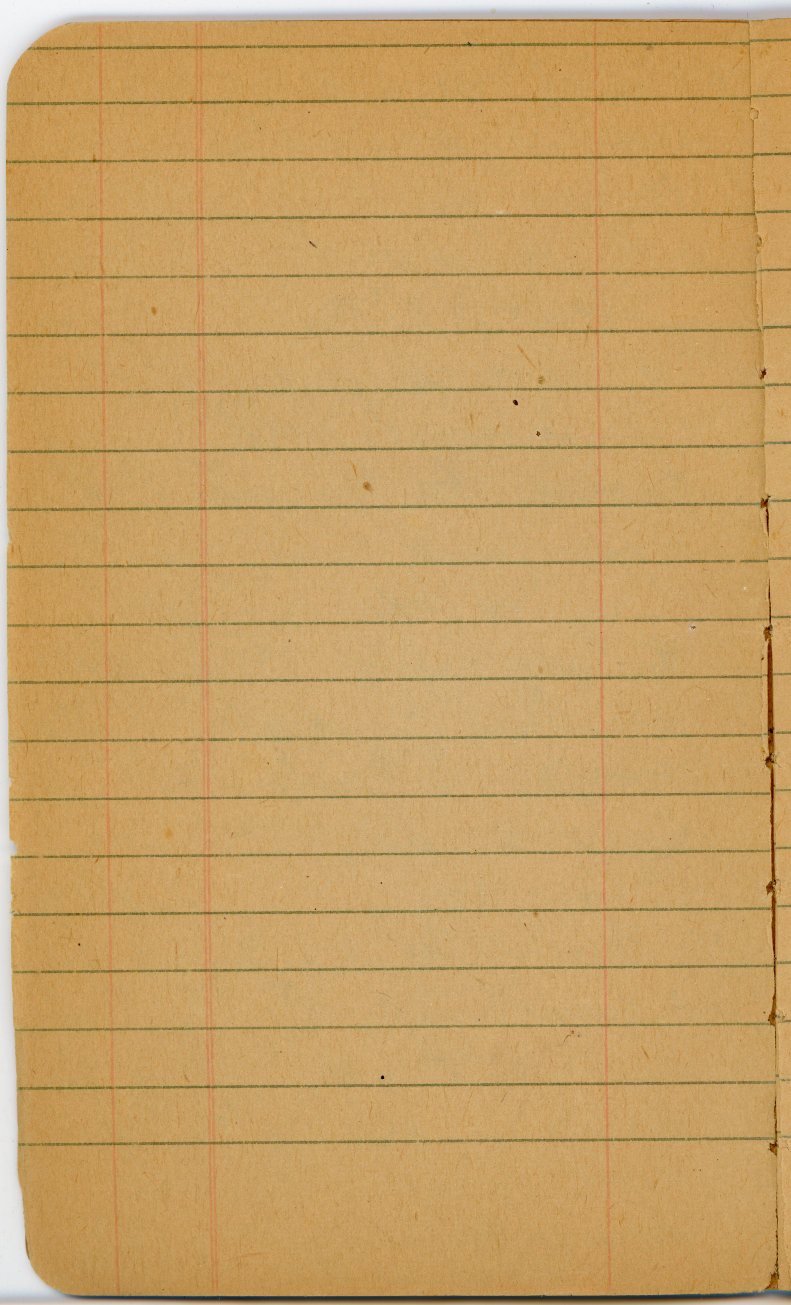
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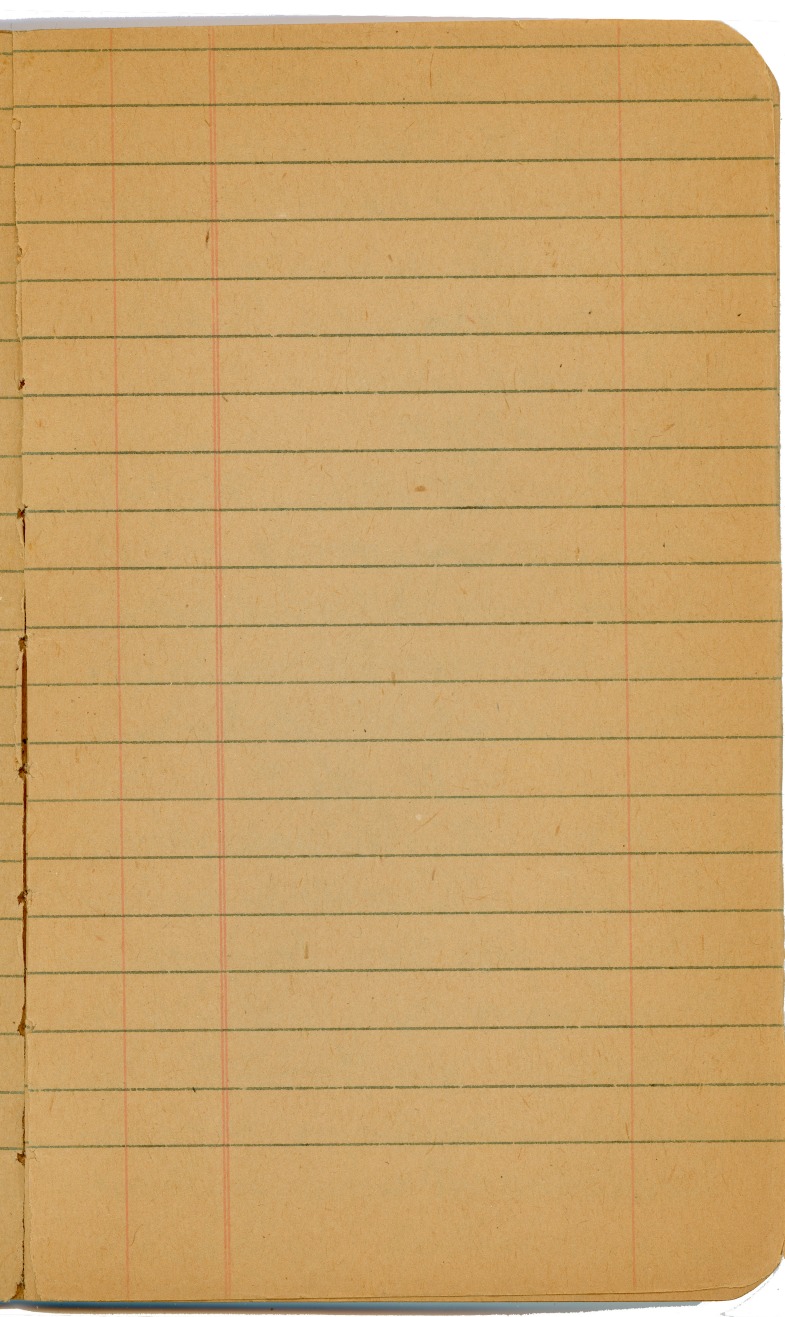
27th Left San Diego 8-30
camped at head of the
Muddy grade, 30 m

28 Reached Hitch Creek
about 3 P.M. 20 m

29, Got off about 10 A.M.
East wind until we
passed the summit. The
new grade was quite
icy in places for
the ~~first~~ upper half with
patches of snow on the
north sides of the hills
Camped just below
Banner 17 m

30 Filled the water cans at
the San Felipe Creek and
drove to Blair Valley
camping before 3 P.M.
and looked for deer
unsuccessfully 14 m





31 Thru 20° at sunrise,
Drove to Tallcito, 11 m
Snow is scattered down
the north sides of the
mountains to 3000 m
lower.

1 Jan 1898

Drove to Palmita Spring
Roads were very sandy
and we staid at the
spring as it was after
two o'clock before we
could get off. 9 m

2 Drove to Carissa Creek
Filled water cans and got
ready for the long drive
to Laguna. 4 m

3 Got off at 7-20, Made
a dry camp. 15 1/2 m
Saw showers ahead

4) Light rain for an hour in the night. Got off at 7-40, reaching the Big Laguna at 3-30. Passed a smaller lagoon about a mile west with plenty of water, shot two ducks. Food is very poor here. 11 am
5 Cool night, but no ice. Did not move camp.

6 Left the Big Laguna at 8-30 A.M. and drove north and north-north east until about 2-30 P.M. when we camped on the bank of a deeply cut channel of New River, which here was a succession of pools with a small stream trickling between some

of them. Some of these
frogs were blackish ~~and~~
and others were good
water. The channel
appears to have recently
been cut several feet
deeper, and now is about
fifteen feet deep and
30 to 50 broad at the
top. There is abundant
signs of 'coons', and small
coyotes, but no ducks.
Half a stick of powder
killed three or four dozen
fish from two to five inches
long. They are of ~~from~~
two species and are poor
in flavor. I can't
imagine where Pelican
Lake is, unless the deepening
of the channel drained it

7 A coyote stole the bait
from four traps, springing two
but did not get caught. I saw
it as I was making the
round this morning but
did not get a shot at it.
Had a desert pocket rat in
the box trap, but no other
catch. Then went down
stream about two miles
during the day and
found a "sumada"
probably Smith and Stetson's
old camp at the "buff Holes".
There are sufficient mesquite
beans here to last the
horses several days but
no other feed. The horses
seem contented.
Birds are very scarce.
No ducks.

8 Slight rain last night,
Had a coon in one trap
and a dead coyote laid
in the water about 200 yds.
below where I put out a
strychnine bait.

9 Mr. Fern had a coyote
in his trap, but none of
mine were touched. Light
sprinkles of rain during the
forenoon and cloudy and
windy in the afternoon.

10 Showers during the day
and a little hail in
the morning. None of the
rains have been heavy
enough to drive you in-
doors. Not much wind
today. The mountains to
the west are white with
snow. No traps were

disturbed. In the afternoon we walked down to the camp at the "Calf hole," about a mile below here. A stove, utensils and ~~a~~ a small amount of provisions are there still.

11. No traps disturbed this morning. Went on down below the rimada at the "Calf Hole" nearly a mile to an old beach which curves around from the base of Superstition Mts, and ends(?) at the channel of New River. When we went on it ~~the~~ the ridge is narrow with water lines on both sides, ^{at this place} & continues toward Superstition Mt. the ridge broadens and

rise a little, to sink slightly ~~for~~ still farther on. The ridge does not seem to rise quite as high as the beach mark at the base of Supertition Butte, and the beaches on the ridge ~~are~~ were probably made as the old lake subsided, or during storms. This ridge is apparently 15 or 20 feet higher than the general level of the plain around. Across the channel the land appeared to be higher in the same general south easterly direction but did not show a distinct ridge. Though one may be present in a modified form. This ridge and

the high ground beyond
appears to divide the
New River basin from that
of Beaver River and Setton
Lake. It may form a
practicable railroad
route ~~from~~ toward Guma.
Slight frost in the morning
with ther. about 35° , and
 65° in the afternoon. Saw
a scaup duck, its only duck
seen here so far. A few
gulls have passed camp
and half a dozen pied-bill
grebes frequent the string
of water holes.

The deep channel seems to
be two or three floods old
at the calf holes, slightly
nearer ~~add~~ camp, and from
a quarter of a mile above camp
appears to have been made by the

flood last summer, I have
seen at least a mile and a
half of this new part of
the channel, but I think
it ended not far above
the bend. The rate of out
of course depends on the
quantity of flood water
entering this channel
and may run from $\frac{1}{4}$
mile to 2 miles per flood.

12 Rain commenced to
fall a little before day-
light and kept it up
until noon, though never
hard less than half an
inch fell. The ground
became very muddy. The
mud is very sticky.
Cloudy all the rest
of the day.

13 Left camp at 12-45
and drove to Pelican
Lake by 3 P.M. finding
the lake by climbing a
mesquite tree, otherwise we
would have missed it.
Most of the way the going
was good, but in some
places the sand was
soft and rolled up on
the wheels badly so we
had to cut it off to
allow the wheels to pass
the brake blocks. Pelican
~~Lake~~ Lake is much shallower
in than in 1891.

The old beach seen the
11th, seems to become lower
toward Supurstitim But,
though never coming
~~down~~ quite down to the level
of the plain, Q m

20 Drove to Patmotto
Spring. Rocks are high ^{from}

21 Thur, 26° before sunrise,
Drove just over the divide
into Blair (Pomer) Valley
Met Martin Sotomator
and H. M. Keith at
the Mason hill, on their
way to Yuma. They
confirm the news of my
wifes death a fortnight
ago. A few small patches
of snow about camp. We
hear that the snow is
deep on the Banner grade
and turn go around by
Warner Pass 19 m

22 Thur 32 at bedtime last
night. 23 before sunrise
Cold windy day. Went
via Warner Pass

pinching a number of
patches of snow, mostly
on the Manns Ranch
side, but none to bother
Wilson wouldn't sell us
any as the horses have
little but gain weight
26 m

23 Rain commenced falling
at midnight and we
got up and put up the
tent. Snow fell occasionally
during the day. The Carasite
Pass was frozen and slippery
with snow. Got to Hitch
Creek at 1 o'clock, 12 m

24 Some snow with a
frozen ground in the
forenoon. Started at
noon and drove to just
above Campbells, 17 m

25 Reached San Diego

at 8 P.M.

12 m

